

tion to Tungchow; is very bad. The stream here is a narrow ditch, scarce navigable by house boats, and, unless a change is made, will be useless for cargo craft. The river bed has risen considerably from the general silt deposit, and it is easy to see, as the channel cannot carry off any sudden flow of water, floods must occur, and the result will be highly calamitous. It is plainly another example of the evils that are manifest on the Yellow River, and, in a measure, the bad results will be similar. The attention of the Viceroy is being urgently called to the matter.

Another gentleman, Mr. Herr B. Knaemer of the German Syndicate, a man experienced in hydraulic works, planned two dredgers for use on the Yellow River, but the French Syndicate tendered, on Herr Knaemer's advice, to undertake the work on gentleman's estimate, and got the contract. Which, it is said, went to the Five Lakes Company. We do not know if the machines have arrived yet, but if so, it might be possible to divert them to the Yellow River, where they are now being used in abundance for this region.

Such foreigners had any connection with this river has not been known such an antecedent spring as the present. A warm spring, called Kiao-shan, is said to be pronounced, but since then cold has set in with great severity, and March has been characterized with a succession of gales lasting sometimes a week without intermission, and the result was that the 24th ground was covered with snow. As the snow is said to be very heavy, it can have enough snow, which they consider has a most benignant effect on the soil, but the snow-will this spring has been unusual that at least the farmers are crying that they have too much of a good thing.

An inquest was held on Thursday, 28th inst., at H. B. M. Consulate, to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of John J. Jarvis, engine driver, who died the consequence of a railway collision. The railway company near Tong-ku. The jury was composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. James Wilson, H. G. Miller, J. N. Hatch, and E. B. Leach. The jury, after deliberation, returned a verdict that the deceased, Matthias Jarvis, accidentally came by his death from injury suffered in the railway collision on the night of the 26th inst.—Chinese Times.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Caldonian*, arrived at Shanghai with the French Mail of 9th ult. with the following telegrams from our exchanges—

RESIGNATION OF COL. HUGHES BALLET, M. P.
London, March 23.—Colonel Hughes-Ballet, the Conservative member for the county of Rochester, has resigned his seat in the House of Commons.

DEATH OF COL. HUGHES BALLET, M. P.
London, March 23rd.—Colonel Hughes-Ballet is coming to London for the purpose of conferring with Government. During his absence from Zanzibar the duties of the British Consulate will be carried on by Mr. G. G. G. G.

DEPUTATION TO LORD CROSS ON THE FACTORY ACTS.
London, March 13.—A deputation from the United Factory Workers of Lancashire arrived at Lord Cross's residence yesterday to demand the assimilation of the Factory Acts in Ireland and England. Lord Cross is reported to have believed that the report of the Canadian Government on the subject was on a par with that of the United States, and that he would thoroughly investigate the matter to hand; but that he must adhere to his previous openly declared principles.

DEATH OF THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM.
London, March 21.—Obituary.—The Duke of Buckingham died at his residence in London.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.
Buenos Aires, March 27.—Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and Prince Henry of Battenberg, went to the theatre to witness the Queen of Spain's performance. The meeting between the two royal parties was of the warmest nature. The majority party drove in full state to the theatre to the palace, and afterwards to the town-hall, and were much cheered by the people.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN GERMANY.
Berlin, March 23.—General opposition is shown in Germany against the proposed measures to be brought forward by Government to suppress the present Socialist press, curtailing especially the liberties of the press.

THE ROMANIAN THRONE.
Bucharest, March 26.—Prince Ferdinand of Romania has been proclaimed heir to the Romanian throne.

DEATH OF MR. GUY DAWNEY.
London, March 27.—News has been received of the death of Mr. Guy Dawney, who was gored to death by a wild buffalo at Mossab.

RECEIPT FOR COPELAND.
Buenos Aires, March 21.—The *Argentine Gazette* received a special telegram from London stating that copper partially recovered by Sheet copper, principally held by the Syndicate, is quoted at £40. Holders of Sheet copper are not desirous of selling sales at a figure which would involve a loss. The prospect of a further advance in the Comptoir d'Escompte is firmer, and confidence is strengthening.

FRENCH NEWS.
(From the *Egyptian Gazette*.)
Paris, March 11.—A demand for the arrest of Messrs. Laguerre, Laisant and Turquet has been laid before the Chamber. A similar demand for the prosecution of M. de Lamoignon, Minister of the Senate for France, has been laid before the Chamber of Deputies. The Chamber will elect to-morrow the commission which is to study the question. The Chamber elected by Senate is in favour of the Chamber of Deputies.

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